

TROCHILUS FORFICATUS.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum subulato-filiforme, apice tubulato, capite longius: Mandibula superior vaginans inferiorem.

Lingua filiformis, filis duobus coalitis tubulosa.

Pedes ambulatorii.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 189.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

TROCHILUS curvirostris viridis, rectricibus lateralibus longissimis, pileo rectricibusque cæruleis.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 190.

MELLISUGA JAMAICENSIS, cauda bifurca.

Briss. av. 3. p. 728. No. 18.

POLYTMUS MAJOR NIGRICANS, aureo varie splendens, pennis binis uropygii longissimis.

Brown. Jam. p. 475.

Formosissimæ hujus avis, orbem occiduum incolentis, in insula autem Jamaica præcipue repertæ,
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gemmeos fulgidosque colores (quibus etiam superbit fere totum genus) non satis ad vivum exprimere potest ars pictoria. Caudam admodum forficatam gerit hæc species, rectricibus validioribus quam sunt aliorum trochilorum.





THE
FORK-TAILED HUMMING-BIRD.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill slender, tubular, the upper mandible sheathing the lower.

Tongue very long, missile, formed of two conjoined cylindric tubes.

Toes three-forward, one backward.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

GREEN HUMMING-BIRD, with shining-blue forked tail; the exterior feathers extremely long; the top of the head blue.

The LONG-TAILED GREEN HUMMING-BIRD.

Edw. pl. 33.

OISEAU-MOUCHE à longue queue, or, vert et bleu.

Buff. ois. 6. p. 38.

This beautiful native of the Western hemisphere is principally found in the island of Jamaica, and,
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like most others of its genus, possesses a radiancy of color which is but ill expressed by the utmost efforts of art. It is principally distinguished as a species by the remarkable fork-shaped appearance of the tail, the feathers of which are stronger than in the rest of the Humming-Birds.